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Applicant: Pirmin Gerhard MUFFLER

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Examiner: Jessica Rossi

Title: METHOD FOR APPLYING A  
SUBSTRATE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING  
OF RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Petition is filed with the Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed 05 August 2003. The time period for submission of this Amendment was set to expire 05 November 2003.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time of three (3) months for filing the Amendment in the above-identified application, such extension to expire 05 February 2004, which time is within the statutory period.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

04 February 2004

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Date

Signature

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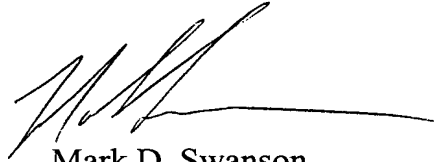
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The Fee set in Rule 1.17 for the above-period is enclosed. If there is any deficiency or overage in the Fee required for the above-requested extension, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Swanson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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